



# San Gabriel Historical Association

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## GENERAL MEETING

Joint Meeting and Dinner with the Alhambra Historical Society  
& Ramona Parlor #109 of The Native Sons of the Golden West.

**Program:** *Back in Time to 1859 - A slide show of historic photos from Sending Flowers to America with narration of the stories behind the photos.*

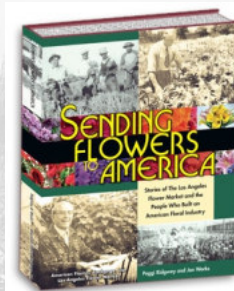
**Speaker:** Peggí Ridgway, Author and Book Project Manager

**When:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 ~ 6:00PM  
(Dinner Starts at 6:00PM — Program Starts at 7:00PM)

**Where:** Padillo Room - San Gabriel Senior Center  
324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

### Open to the Public

For transportation, call  
(626) 282-0749



Our speaker for this meeting is Peggí Ridgway, Author and Book Project Manager of *Sending Flowers to America - 160 Years of Los Angeles History and Its Connection with So Cal Flower Growers & America*. Ms. Ridgway will present a fascinating show of colorful slides sharing the lives of early flower growers from Santa Barbara to San Diego, florists and people associated with the Los Angeles Flower Market. The presentation brings to life the housewives, horticulturists and nurserymen who laid the foundation for flowers in the best climate of the country, Southern California, and the hustle and bustle of a wholesale flower market that became the Grand Central of the flower industry. Find out how a Civil War captain in Alhambra found his long-lost sword because he was a flower grower; how local housewives became instrumental in the growth of the flower business; how immigrants from Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey and around the world built California's outstanding reputation as a source of fresh flowers; how a Hollywood family's vision created America's Christmas flower. It's all here in living color.

### Full-Course Dinner & Beverage

(Catered by Claro's Italian Market)

Cost: \$8.00

Menu: Lasagna with Meatballs & Sauce -  
Tossed Green Salad - Drinks - Dessert

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by mailing your check, made out to the San Gabriel Historical Association (SGHA) to:

**SGHA - Dinner Meeting**

**1218 S. Palm Ave**

**San Gabriel, CA 91776**

**Attn: Mary Cammarano**

By Wednesday March 4th.

## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

First, I want to thank all of the members who have renewed their memberships in SGHA for 2009. If you have not sent your 2009 membership please do so as soon as possible. To the new members, thank you for your interest in our Association. At this time we open the museum and Hayes House the first Saturday of each month. Become a docent and learn more about the history of San Gabriel. We would like to open the museum and Hayes House more often; we need more volunteers to help us.

Our next general membership meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2009 and will be a joint meeting with the Ramona Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Alhambra Historical Society. It will be in the Padillo Room at the San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center, 324 So. Mission Dr. The dinner will start at 6:00 PM followed by our speaker, Ms. Peggí Ridgway, author of *Sending Flowers to America - 160 Years of Los Angeles History and Its Connection with So Cal Flower Growers & America*. The dinner is being catered by Claro's. It is \$8.00 per person. The menu is lasagna with meat balls and sauce, tossed green salad, drink and dessert.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by March 4th by sending your check, made out to San Gabriel Historical Association (SGHA), to Mary Cammarano.

We must give a head count to Claro's on Thursday March 5, so your R.S.V.P./checks need to be in Mary's hands by March 4.

*Bill Williams, SGHA Co-President*

## MUSEUM NEWS

A small group of Cal Poly Pomona students visited the museum on February 7th requesting information regarding the Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church for a research project. The information was found and they spent most of the afternoon reading and taking notes. There were also several elementary school students and parents wanting information on the Gabrieleno/Tongva band of Mission Indians which was given to them.

Members Roberta & Paul Young of Aden, California and their guest were vacationing in the area and stopped for a visit. They are strong supporters of our Museum and enjoy visiting whenever they are in town. Hope to see more members drop in from time to time.

A reminder to all that our museum houses historical artifacts of our great City as well as many reference books. We also have a lending library for members. Tours can be arranged for groups by calling Camila Lopez at 626.287.8482.

We are always in need of docents. Its an easy job and lots of fun and we are only open once a month for 4 hours. This is a great way to acquaint yourselves with the history of the City, meet new friends and old friends as well. If interested in becoming a docent, please call Camila Lopez at the above-mentioned phone number.

Camila Lopez  
Docent & Museum Chairman

### Turn Off T.V. Week

Wednesday, April 22 is the second annual "Family Night Out at the Museum". Once again, the museum will be open in the evening and a scavenger hunt is planned as we find a fun way to celebrate National Turn Off T.V. Week. All school age visitors will receive a Certificate of Participation. Save the date and watch for more information on the SGHA website.

### UPCOMING SGHA MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the Grapevine Room of the San Gabriel Senior Center: 324 So. Mission Drive in San Gabriel. Meeting time will be 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

Board Meeting - Monday, March 9, 2009  
Gen'l Membership Meeting - Thurs, March 12, 2009 @ 6 PM

All Meetings are listed in the calendar on the  
SGHA webpage.

**GOOD NEWS!** - The Historical Association was happy to submit an application to the Tournament of Roses Foundation for a grant to purchase new display cases. We have made it through the technical review and are hoping for more good news. We'll keep you posted.

### SGHA MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the San Gabriel Historical Association is to promote interest in the history of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Valley. We foster, preserve and protect the historical landmarks, buildings, monuments, customs and ceremonies of early California and San Gabriel. To advocate an awareness of our historical background and priceless heritage through the memory and deeds of those persons who contributed substantially to the making of the history of this area.*

### **WANTED: Old Pictures, Newspapers and Memorabilia for Research**

SGHA Trustee John Macias is looking for any documents, pictures, and memorabilia of anything San Gabriel or San Gabriel related. He is conducting research on San Gabriel for his dissertation, and any documents, pictures or memorabilia would be of great help. Items of particular interests include clubs and organizations in San Gabriel, businesses that were in San Gabriel, old newspaper articles from the San Gabriel Sun, etc. Any information that SGHA members can share would be greatly appreciated. If you have items to share contact the SGHA at (626) 308-3223 or drop us an email at SG.HISTORICAL@GMAIL.COM. Thanks

### **San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre Presents Rogers and Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC: IN CONCERT**

Music by Richard Rodgers  
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II  
Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener

Saturday, March 21, 2009 8:00pm  
San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
320 South Mission Drive. San Gabriel, CA. 91776

Tickets On Sale Now! 626-282-1440  
[www.svgmusictheatre.org](http://www.svgmusictheatre.org)

### City Elections - Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Don't forget that Elections for San Gabriel City Council, City Treasurer, City Clerk, and Measure A, as well as Community College District Trustees are on the ballot. So get out there and Vote!